

SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF A MAN WHO STARTED LIFE AS A POOR BOY AND WON HIS WAY TO THE TOP



WILLIAM H. WATTIS.

A Utah product by birth, by association and by training is Wm. H. Wattis, Republican candidate for Congress from the first Congressional district of Utah. He was born in Utah, Weber county, Utah, on August 15, 1859, his parents, Edmund Wattis and Mary Jane Corey Wattis, having come to Utah with companies of pioneers in 1849 and 1851. The family felt the pinch of dire privation during the struggles of first development of the country and before he was eleven years of age the boy was doing a man's work on the farm and early in life started driving teams in grading for the Union Pacific railroad track.

His career is typical of nearly all of the men who have made America great. As a gradual development from his early teaming experience on the Union Pacific, by hard labor, persistence and organizing ability, which inspired the confidence of others, Mr. Wattis soon launched out into railroad construction work on his own account and, overcoming all reverses and obstacles, he was successful as a railroad contractor, and in 1900 he organized the Utah Construction company with a small capitalization. This concern has been under his constant management since that time and has been an important factor in the development of the great west.

Under the direction of Mr. Wattis, the company built the Western Pacific railroad, the Utah-Idaho Central railroad, the interurban electric line from Ogden to Preston, Idaho, portions of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, numerous branch lines of the Oregon Short line and Denver & Rio Grande and practically the entire line of the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railway, as well as many other stretches of track in Utah and neighboring states. In later years, the Construction company has built a number of irrigation systems and, through this company, Mr. Wattis has been engaged in the improvement of large areas of farm land in Nevada and Idaho, which required the building of reservoirs and ditches to reclaim large tracts of desert land, from which he has developed successful farming and stock growing enterprises. This branch of the business of the company is said by government officials to be one of the country's most important producers of food stuffs, together with wool and hides, so badly needed in war times.

It has been an invariable rule with Mr. Wattis that no matter how far away from his home his activities might take him, that the earnings from his various enterprises should be devoted to the development of his native state. He has never gone away from home in search for capital, because he was able to command the confidence and respect of those with whom he was intimately associated and who were willing to trust him with this means. His work has been entirely devoted to the actual development and operation of productive enterprises. In line with this policy, he has been intimately associated with the organization and successful operation of a number of leading industries of Utah and he is recognized as one of the men who have made Ogden the thriving industrial center which it is.

In addition to being president and general manager of the Utah Construction company, he is associated in the management and control of a number of well known Utah enterprises, each of which has been an important factor in the development of the resources of the state of Utah and the country tributary to it. His conspicuous and uniform success in whatever he undertakes has caused him to be referred to as Wattis—the man who does things.

He is president of the Thomas D. Dee Memorial hospital of Ogden, an institution with which he has taken a great interest since its establishment and of which he has been a trustee since it was taken over by the Mormon church.

He is a member of the Weber club, the chamber of commerce of Ogden, of which organization he was president for three successive terms.

The Big Lost River irrigation project in Idaho is typical of his foresight and persistence and his ability as a developer. This enterprise had been attempted by eastern capitalists and engineers and scored failure after failure and was finally bought in at receiver's sale by Mr. Wattis and his associates. The name of the project had become a by-word throughout the country as standing for a colossal attempt at the impossible. Mr. Wattis took hold of it and rather astounded the governor and the state land board of Idaho by offering to reconstruct the enterprise without asking for any money whatever from the state or the settlers until water should be delivered to the farmers. The contract was signed on this basis and recently, after most rigid inspection, the state engineer and the state land board pronounced the achievement a success. This achievement will permit the reclaiming of many thousands of acres of valuable land in the Gem state and rebound in lasting benefit to the people of that section.

In his various enterprises, Mr. Wattis has been a large employer of labor and it is significant that he has been singularly free from labor troubles. Those who work for Mr. Wattis, those whom he has worked esteem him for his generous, fair and square methods. He inspires the confidence of men and has clearly demonstrated his ability and efficiency as a leader. He possesses an extraordinary amount of tact and is a consummate diplomat in his dealings with men. He is affable, kindly in disposition and is in every essential a thorough gentleman, and although he has achieved what to some may seem an unusual success in a business way, he is just a plain democratic citizen, without frills of any kind.

In politics Mr. Wattis, since attaining his majority, has been a Republican, but he has never sought public office. The nomination for Congress was tendered him by the Republican convention by the unanimous action of the delegates and over his protest. When he saw the insistence of the demand, Mr. Wattis yielded to the will of his party and is making a vigorous campaign for election. If elected, he will so arrange his affairs as to give his entire service to the duties of the office. He will bring to bear as Congressman in the affairs of state the same energy, vision, foresight and good sound judgment that he has used in the conduct of his business enterprises.

Mr. Wattis has loyally supported the government in this crisis, and immediately following upon the declaration of war with Germany, as president of the Utah Construction company, and with the full approval of his associates, he tendered to the United States government, on any basis which it might desire, and on its own terms, for war purposes, all the property of his organization, including its camp and construction equipment, as well as its horses, cattle and sheep. Two members of his family are in active military service and he has been prominent in all war activities and is a member of the State Liberty Loan committee.

Coming from old pioneer stock, throughout his career the sympathies and interests of Mr. Wattis have been bound up with the welfare of the people of Utah and he has always, by word and deed, defended and worked for the benefit of this state and her citizens and he is eminently worthy of the high trust and honor for which he has been nominated by the Republican party.

treme left used on previous governments has been turned against them. In the food situation, on the railways, in various government bureaus, in public service organizations of all sorts, among bankers, business and professional men, and even among peasants the government encounters hindrance and obstruction of a type which cannot be punished and stamped out.

Commissar Tsurupa, who is in charge of the national food supply, recently stated in a speech that 1500 persons in his department alone had retained positions for months and pretended to work, when they were in reality doing all they could to hinder the food administration.

Trotsky, Lenin and other Bolshevik speakers and agitators have made the most of the sabotage directed against them by loudly proclaiming in all sections of Russia that the disorder inherited from the Kerenky regime and the opposition directed against them by enemies within the government, as well as outside, has prevented the soviet republic from bettering the food situation and getting commerce and industry back into normal channels.

This view was accepted by the laboring classes very generally for some time, but after eight months of the Bolshevik republic it is apparent that the laboring men are no longer willing to accept abuse of various anti-Bolshevik factions as a complete excuse for the deplorable lack of food.

The loss of the Ukraine grain supply and the cutting off of the Siberian wheat stores by the Czech-Slovaks stand forth so plainly that the dullest workman reads the handwriting on the wall. Without grain fields he understands there cannot be grain. And the promises of bread through grain crusades made by armed forces do not impress him when he realizes that the portion of Russia remaining within the jurisdiction of the soviet republic does not contain enough grain to feed the republic's population, even if every bushel were under government control and carefully distributed.

Attention, B. of R. T.

All trainmen are requested to meet at the Kirkendall Chapel at 1:30 p. m. Sunday to attend the funeral of Brother E. M. Miller.

F. R. ECKHART, President.

WILL BUILD MORE WOODEN VESSELS

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 25.—"We're going to build some wooden ships" was the announcement of H. A. Rhodes, president of one of Tacoma's largest department stores to his staff chiefs one morning soon after the United States declared war on Germany.

The department store employees did not believe it good policy for a department store owner to embark on such an undertaking with no previous experience. Neither did one of the most noted ship designers on the Pacific coast when he was called into consultation. Finally, ship designer was employed as general manager of the Tacoma Shipbuilding company Rhodes organized.

He didn't last long.

The ship designer had ideas of long ago. Putting a ship into water in three months from the time the keel was laid was too fast, he said, according to Mr. Rhodes. Now there is a new general manager, a new superintendent and practically all the 675 men this firm employs are new also to the ship building game.

But they are building ships and launching one at least every month and will exceed this number very shortly.

Thomas Kane, until a year ago a general contracting superintendent in active charge of the company's construction work and in the year he has introduced many ideas that reduce the number of men required for different work connected with the wooden shipbuilding industry.

For years there have been small wooden vessels built here, but never with the speed or thoroughness that is now being shown. In the first place there were practically only a handful of workers skilled in the shipbuilding crafts. Now there are hundreds and they are putting ships into the water faster than ever before was known or thought possible.

The Tacoma company has completed four of the standard 3,500 Ferris design wooden ships. Four more are under construction on its ways and two other ways soon will be added to this battery. These ways then will put one ship into the water every two or three weeks.

The ship building program of the United States upset precedent for the entire world and in no way is this better illustrated than by the Tacoma company which entered the business because it believed the government wanted ships no matter who built them.

SOOT A GOOD FERTILIZER

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 25.—An Oxford graduate, George Yeaton, who is connected with the American Smelting and Refining company's smelter at Midvale, near here, advocates the conservation of common soot from chimneys.

"Chimney soot is one of the richest fertilizers known," Mr. Yeaton said. "Soot contains not only ammonia, but lime, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, acetic acid, chlorine and iron."

"The value of soot is well known in England, where it sells for about \$48 a ton. It is often thrown away as worthless by those who do not know its value, but careful farmers should save every ounce. When sprinkled around plants it prevents attacks from insects and the rain carries it down into the earth, where it does duty as fertilizer. Soot is especially good for killing the weevil that causes great damage to alfalfa in Utah and other sections annually."

CARD OF THANKS

The members of the family of Ray A. Lunsley wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who so generously assisted us during the trying hours of his death and funeral and for all the floral tributes offered. The kindness of our good friends will ever be cherished.

Mrs. Ray A. Lunsley and family.

NINE THOUSAND PRISONERS.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Nine thousand Germans have been made prisoner and 150 guns have been captured by the British in their attacks against the Germans, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN BY THOSE AFFLICTED

It will be just as well to remember the measurements for gauze masks, because it is going to be compulsory for every person in the state of Utah to wear one in his place of business and as it will be impossible for the busy workers of the Red Cross to make the number of masks required, every person will need to have the mask made at home.

Take a piece of gauze, eighteen by twenty-four inches, fold it four times evenly, attach four tapes to the corners and you are provided with the best preventive against Spanish influenza yet devised. Three thicknesses of cheese cloth will answer the same purpose, if gauze cannot be procured. In an emergency, a handkerchief will suffice.

As a further aid in the prevention of the disease, many nurses pour on the mask a little oil of eucalyptus.

It will be necessary to boil the mask at least once in every twenty-four hours for twenty minutes. Add to the boiling water a few drops of any good and safe antiseptic.

These instructions are given because the order from the State Board of Health, making it incumbent on every patient to wear the mask, and on all persons attending patients, and all people in offices, workshops, and public places of every kind went into effect today.

In the opinion of Dr. Beatty of the State Board of Health, "No person need fear influenza if the protective gauze mask is worn."

Influenza can be contracted only from the exhalations of the breath of a person who has it, and the germ will die quickly unless it secures lodgment in the mouth or nostrils, according to physicians. The mask, they declare, serves as a screen that will effectively catch and tangle the moist germ, which then quickly dies. The mask need not be tied closely over the face, but is sufficient if it hangs over the nose and mouth.

Competent orders for the induction of George Raymond Hall, of Ogden have been received by the local draft board and he will be inducted into the

SERIAL NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED

Any women who have had experience with sickness can be used to advantage. Those who will serve should telephone the Red Cross rooms before 5 p. m. Telephone 316. After 5, telephone Rev. J. E. Carver at his residence, telephone 789.

STATE ORGANIZATION WORKERS MAKE A RECORD

Mrs. Thomas D. Dee, chairman Fourth Liberty Loan committee, women's organizations of the L. D. S. church of Weber county, has compiled a report showing that \$60,000 in subscriptions were obtained by the women workers in the different wards.

Mrs. Frank J. Stevens had charge of the work in Weber stake, Mrs. T. P. Terry in the North Weber stake and Mrs. Isabelle Foulger in the Ogden stake.

Mrs. Dee furnishes the following figures:

North Weber	350	\$30,550	\$15,179.50
Weber	200	12,750	5,194.50
Ogden	139	16,700	7,546.00
	689	\$60,000	\$27,920.00

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Yerger and family and Mr. M. O. Culton wish to thank the speakers, the singer, Miss Lilian Norstrom and the kind friends who offered their sympathy and beautiful floral tributes at the funeral of our beloved daughter and wife, Mrs. M. O. Culton.

MORE NURSES ARE NEEDED TONIGHT

The Red Cross will need volunteer nurses tonight. The need was met last evening by several women offering their services and M. L. Jones acted as Red Cross conductor and took them in his car to the homes.

Again, it is not necessary that the volunteers should be trained nurses.

LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP NOTICES
Consent County Clerk or the Respective Signers for Further Information.

NOTICE

Mormon N. Reynolds, deceased.
The petition of Orson W. Reynolds, praying for letters of administration, in the above entitled matter, has been set for hearing before Hon. A. E. Pratt, Judge, on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the county court house, in the court room of said court, in Ogden City, Weber county, Utah.

Witness, the clerk of said court, with the seal thereof affixed, this 14th day of October, 1918.
Geo. S. Dean,
Attorney for petitioner.
C. M. RAMEY, Clerk.
By Florence Shafer, deputy clerk.

NOTICE

Estate and guardianship of Winifred Ethel Webb and Charles Albert Webb, minors.
The petition of Elizabeth Jane Webb, administratrix, praying for letters of guardianship in the above entitled matter, has been set for hearing on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the county court house, in the court room of said court, in Ogden City, Weber county, Utah.
Witness, the Clerk of said court, with the seal thereof affixed, this 14th day of October, 1918.
(Seal)
C. M. RAMEY, Clerk.
By FLORENCE SHAFER, Deputy Clerk.

CHEZ & STINE,
Attorneys for petitioner.

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S. A. T. corps at the Utah agricultural college by the city exemption board. The district board has assigned serial numbers as listed below to the following belated registrants of September 12:

Tomoza Mashizuki, 4059; Ushimatsu Endo, 4060; Kazuo Endo, 4061; Walter Ed Campbell, 4062; Bryan Lyon Wright, 4063; William Green, 4064; John Geoffrey Jording, 4065; Shohel Sagisaka, 4066; Zenemon Hagesawa, 4067.

Frank L. Anderson, a registrant of Paris, Idaho, has been transferred to Ogden.

LEONARD GETS BACK.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Benny Leonard reports that he is back at his post as boxing mentor at Camp Upton after

a period of instruction. In company with about sixty other pugilists, at Camp Gordon, Ga. The war department recently called all like boxing instructors to Camp Gordon and there gave them a course in bayonet fighting, the application of disabling grips and footwork in connection with the hand to hand fighting, and they are now importing this knowledge to their pupils in the khaki clad ranks.

Dr. Joseph Rayeroff, under whose direction most of the boxing instructors received their appointments, visited Camp Upton recently and, it is said, was very much impressed by the results already obtained by Leonard in the newest branch of his duties.

The girl who is the most popular with men in general is the most apt to make one man miserable for life.

Negro Troopers Enjoy Battle Royal



It's a great old game, the battle royal. It used to be that boxing promoters would get a bunch of husky black boys to climb into a ring and battle for a ten-dollar note, the note going to the boy who was on his feet last. They've made it a little different with some of our negro troops overseas. At a recent athletic carnival in England a bunch of troopers were blindfolded and sent in a ring with the above amusing result.

The War Department

Has Authorized

THE UTAH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

to induct a limited number of men into the

Students' Army Training Corps

for special training as

Telephone Electricians
Radio Operators
Auto Mechanics
Chauffeurs
Machinists
Topographical Draughtsmen

Surveyors
Blacksmiths
Horsehoers
Concrete Workers
Wagoners

For the benefit of the men of Ogden and Weber County, induction offices will be open at the Weber County Court House, Ogden, on October 28, 29 and 30. All men wishing induction should appear in person at the Court House.

The Utah Agricultural College

has been authorized to send men in unlimited numbers to officers' training schools.